

RUSH HILL ITEMS.

Dr. Underwood Goes To War—Miss Mechlin's New Work.

Rev. Wood of Canton preached interesting sermons Sunday morning and night to large audiences at Community church. Rev. Wood is in Y.M.C.A. work at Camp Pike—can tell what the war is teaching on the side of religious education.

Dr. A.M. Underwood, wife and son of Holstein, Mo., after a visit with Miss "Tuck" Underwood, returned home Friday. Dr. Underwood has an army commission, expects the call soon. The son, Earl, will enter college this year at Warrenton, Mo.

Miss Onie Mechlin is now assistant cashier in Bank of Rush Hill, taking place of Pete Beahr, who resigns to enter army training school.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Selvers and Harry Selvers, of Ill., returned home after a visit with Louie Knoebel. While here they purchased a new Empire car of Wm. Doolin.

Mrs. Luther Sims has returned from St. Louis after selecting her new stock of millinery.

Owen Maxwell who underwent a serious operation at Amanda Hospital was able to return Friday.

Miss Willie Knoebel is home from a weeks visit in Illinois.

Miss Peggy Law, after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Norwin Maxwell, returned to Ottawa, Illinois.

Mrs. Grace Stuart is visiting Mrs. B. Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. Doolin motored to St. Louis Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Davis, Martinsburg, visited Mrs. L. Knoebel Monday.

Lesley Johnson, Gus Miller, Jas. Conner and their families of Pleasant Hill, Ill., have moved to Rush Hill to live. These men will engage in Railroad construction work.

Miss Maud Hearn will teach school at Dawn, Mo., this year.

Misses Mabel Fox and Marie Hearn enter Kirksville Normal.

J.M. Kimble and Curt Dalton, both of Muscatine, Iowa, are here attending Circuit Court and visiting their old friend, C. P. Malone.

SANTA FE ITEMS.

Logene Thompson reported to the local board Sunday for army service.

At the Lindel Rudasill colt show Saturday these won first ribbons: Lewis Brashears, on male mule; Homer Bridgeford on horse mule; Homer Carr on mare colt. Tulley Bros. on horse colt. The largest and best bunch of mules and colts ever shown in this community, most being sold for \$150 each.

Miss Cordie Snyder is quite ill. Miss Lowery of Chicago is visiting Miss Lulu Heckart.

Miss Bates bo't the Schultz property for \$2,000 and moves to town. Emmet Ken traded his farm for property in Des Moines, Iowa.

C.P. Malone and family and Miss Lida Yowell attended the birthday party at the Yowell home.

Quite a bunch of young men spent the evening Sunday with Rolla Yowell, the occasion of his birthday. Watermelon and other refreshments were served.

Mrs. Leon Bybee went to the Amanda Hospital Sunday.

Many busy hunting place to live next year, some have rented places. Perry Davis has a new Dodge.

The 11th District of the Rehekah's meets at Perry Friday, Sept. 13. A number from here will go.

IS IN FRANCE.

Howard Coll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. U. Coll of Laddonia, is with the fighting forces of Uncle Sam in France. Howard was getting along all right the last heard of him.

James Coons, north of Laddonia, sold his nice farm to Vic DeTienne. The price was \$95 per acre.

F. L. Laws has sold his beautiful little place in Northwest Mexico, composed of ten acres, known as the J. N. Cross place, to Blacklock, of Callaway county.

Judge Selden P. Spencer

Will address the people at the Mexico Court House next Saturday evening, Sept. 14, at 8:00 o'clock. He is an eloquent speaker and always pleases and instructs.

AUCTION SALE!

I will offer and sell at Public Auction my entire stock, consisting of \$25,000.00 worth of Diamonds, Watches, Silverware, Jewelry, Edison Phonographs, Musical Instruments, Etc. Every article in my stock to be offered to the highest bidder without limit or reserve.

SALE BEGINS

Thursday, September 12th
At 1 o'clock P. M.

For the past 29 years the name of WORRELL has meant to the people of this community all that is QUALITY in Jewelry. We have achieved in that time an accumulative reputation for absolute sincerity throughout the whole of our business. The Jewelry we have handled has always been representative in their truest values. And in this Sale we will adhere to our policy in every respect.

THE REASON:

THE FIRE WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 19TH DAMAGED MY STOCK AND DESTROYED MY FIXTURES. I HAVE ORDERED A COMPLETE NEW SET OF FIXTURES AND ALSO A COMPLETE NEW STOCK, AND BEFORE MY NEXT STOCK AND FIXTURES COME I WISH TO DISPOSE OF EVERY ARTICLE OF MY PRESENT STOCK, SO AS TO ENABLE ME TO REOPEN WITH A COMPLETE NEW STOCK AND TO PRESENT TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO AND VICINITY THE FINEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE JEWELRY STORE IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE.

Remember this Sale commences Thursday, September 12, at 1:00 P. M. and continues daily at 1 P. M. and 7 P. M. until my present Stock is disposed of.

SEATS FOR THE LADIES

Worrell, The Jeweler
On The New Corner Of Mexico

FROM OVERSEAS.

Mrs. R. F. Worsham of Mexico has received the following letters from her son, Richard C. Worsham, who is on the fighting front in France:

Dear Mother:
I am getting along fine. Received your letter today. You cannot guess whom I saw today? I ran across Ben Bybee, tho I have not yet had opportunity to talk with him. Has Aubray come over here yet? I had a letter from Cousin Fannie Worsham. Well, I have run across a number of the boys from home since I came here. I have been in the hospital. I hope I will get to go back to the lines soon, but my legs are weak yet, I could not do much hiking. I was on my back in a hospital for five weeks and could hardly move, and when I got out of there they kept transferring me til I finally landed out here. I have not received but 14 letters since April. Have not received the birthday box you sent me. I left the Company before it got there, so I guess it is lost.
Richard C. Worsham.

August 18.
I am getting along fine. But I feel pretty rotten at times. I get dizzy and sick at the stomach when I get out in the sun. But it does not last long. I think it will wear off soon. I received a letter from you today, of June 10. Was sure glad to hear from you. I have picked up the barber trade since coming over here. I will make another allotment if I can. Don't know whether I can or not, as I am not with my Company now. Did you receive the Liberty Bond I sent you in June or July? I have not signed the payroll since April, and I am not drawing any money till I do. I make a little spending money cutting the boys' hair.

hair.

August 20.

Well, the other allotment is up now. Will make another as soon as I can. How are Cora and Cecil getting along? Tell her to write to me. Is Dad getting any better? I hope he will, for I know how suffering is since I got my dose over here.
As I cannot think of anything more worth writing I will close, hoping to hear from you all soon.
Pri. Richard C. Worsham, Spec. Training Bu., A. P. O. 727, A. E. F., France.

HIGH HILL DISTRICT.

Most farmers preparing to sow wheat. Some are making sorghum. Emmet Sims and wife of Moberly visited their father, J. O. Sims.
Owing to dry weather cane is not very juicy, requiring more care to make up into molasses, good quality, tho. E. P. and W. D. Pullis are making up sorghum.
Frank Cleeton lost a good cow. J.O.Sims was at Rowena Tuesday. Ray Jesse and wife of Mexico visited Hally Brown at Gant Sunday. J.O.Sims and folks visited Mrs. Nevens at Gant recently.
Mrs. Daniel was guest of Mrs. Lee Miller first of the week.
Sorry to have Mr. and Mrs. John Gallop leave New Hope neighborhood, they move to Centralia.
Since we last wrote we mourn the passing of a friend and brother in New Home church.

Vernon Dalhart, Wednesday, Sept 18, at Rialto Theater, under auspices of Pilcher Jewelry Co., is a rare treat to music lovers. Tickets free by callin or phoning Pilcher's.

OUR NEW SERIAL.

A Concert of Deep Interest to Lovers of Good Music

The program has been carefully selected and will include the more popular selections as well as some frankly light music. A few of the numbers are listed below:

Joan OF Arc.
Sweet Emalina, My Gal.
That's Why My Heart is Calling You, Tommy Lad.
Theres Egypt In Your Dreamy Eyes.
Lorraine. (My Beautiful Alsace-Lorraine.)
I'm All Bound Around With The Mason and Dixon Line.
The Sunshine of Your Smile.
Can't You Hear Me Calling, Caroline?

Rialto Theater
September 18, 8:00 P. M.

An artist of national reputation has been secured for this event.

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The Great American TENOR

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Gunner Depew writes of German Prison Camps. This new serial be- Read it. It will grip your interest.

IN 89TH DIVISION AT TOUL.

The Old Countries Are Behind The States—"You Are In The Best Country On Earth."

Mrs. Eva L. Walters, Rush Hill, sends this letter to The Message. It's from her husband who is with the 89th Division which is reported to be in the Toul Sector, France:

France, Aug. 14, 1918. Dear Wife:—Your letters of July 9 and 13 just received. We came out of the trenches yesterday for a rest, and to clean up. Am feeling fine. Captain McGuire got back today, he had been off to school and everybody glad to see him. Just got two sacks of papers in. In them are a bunch that Emma sent, I'm reading Rush Hill items from The Message.

Well, in regard to war news, I don't think it will last much longer. Co. D. got two German prisoners while we were out in the trenches, they came over, gave themselves up and said they were tired of war.

A telegram to us last night stated that Americans and French had just captured 17,000 prisoners, 310 cannon, 250 batteries, and killed about 8,000, also that they had burned Edison gas loose on a 30-mile front and were doing fine work. Will tell you about a big gun they have here. They use army blanket for a gun wipe, and an automobile track for the front sight; have been loading it since 1915, and, remember, they don't shoot this gun from the shoulder! German aeroplanes and guns keep us entertained, but it is nothing serious.

Sunday—I'm glad of it. We've worked hard this week. Rainy, cold, most changeable climate I ever saw. Wonder what you are doing today. We are 11 hours earlier than you, difference in time. Suppose threshing is done. They're about half thru cutting wheat here. They take their time, help scarce, I guess.

It takes a letter a long time to come across, about 24 days. I saw Ellis Davis yesterday. First time for quite awhile. He is at another burg. You ask about London and Paris. England don't suit me at all, and we passed thru Paris at night. But these countries are about 100 years behind the State. YOU are in the best country on earth. They are making so much noise I'll have to quit. Private Robert Walters, Co. A., 354th Inf. 89th Div. A.E.F.

ALLIES DRIVE ON TOWARD CAMBRAI.

French and British Press Toward LaFere and St. Quentin.

Shell From U. S. Ship Sinks Boat. Heavy rains these last days have turned the lowlands in quagmires, but on sectors of high ground, between Cambrai and Soissons, the storms have not kept the British and French armies from moving forward. Neither have they lessened the resistance of the enemy.

Near Gouzeaucourt and Havri-court the British are closer to Cambrai, having put down counter attacks by the Germans who are trying to reclaim what was lost to them in last Sunday's fighting. To the south the French, from west of St. Quentin southward toward St. Gobain forest, have pushed toward the Oise River, with their flanks resting near both St. Quentin and La Fere. St. Quentin is only three miles away and La Fere must fall.

The French and Americans are fighting shoulder to shoulder northeast of Soissons, and are carrying out correlated movements in view of gaining on St. Gobain forest. The combined forces are making determined resistance to counter attacks of the enemy east of Soissons. They have gained additional ground between the Vesle and Aisne Rivers.

Field Marshal Haig is optimistic. He declares the dark days have passed, never to return. He says in four weeks the British have made 75,000 German prisoners and taken 750 guns.

Washington, D.C., Sept. 10.—The account of a battle between a German submarine and the U.S. ship, Frank Buck, was made known tonight by the department. American guns hit the submarine, an explosion followed, and the submarine was seen to sink. The submarine was about 300 feet long, and had two six-inch guns close to the conning tower, fore and aft. She was camouflaged and flew no flag.

Alliance, Neb. Sept. 10.—Twelve persons were killed and a score injured in a collision between Burlington train, No. 43, westbound, and a work train at Birdsell, seven miles from here at 2 p.m. today. Misunderstanding concerning change of time between mountain time and central time is ascribed as cause. The passenger engine telescoped the tender of work train, overturned and threw six cars off the track.